



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 5506

LCO No. 734



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:

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**AN ACT CONCERNING PROFESSIONAL MALPRACTICE COMMITTED
BY A GUARDIAN AD LITEM OR AN ATTORNEY FOR A MINOR CHILD
IN A FAMILY RELATIONS PROCEEDING.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 That chapter 815j of the general statutes be amended to provide
2 that: (1) Any person, aggrieved by the professional malpractice of a
3 guardian ad litem or an attorney for a minor child appointed in a
4 family relations matter, may bring a civil action seeking appropriate
5 relief, including equitable relief, damages or both in the superior court
6 for the judicial district in which such guardian ad litem or attorney
7 was appointed, and (2) a guardian ad litem or an attorney for a minor
8 child named as a defendant in a professional malpractice action shall
9 not be entitled to raise a defense of qualified or absolute immunity in
10 such action.

Statement of Purpose:

To: (1) Ensure that parents, guardians and others aggrieved by the professional malpractice of a guardian ad litem or an attorney for a minor child appointed in a family relations matter have the ability to bring a civil malpractice action against such guardian ad litem or

attorney for a minor child, and (2) abolish qualified or absolute immunity as a defense that may be raised by a guardian ad litem or an attorney for a minor child in a professional malpractice action.